GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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BUILDING STADIUM IN RURAL AREAS AND SMALL TOWNS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has any scheme to assist in the building of sports infrastructure including stadia in rural areas and small towns;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Stadia that have been built in the rural areas of Gujarat with the assistance of the Union Government under the scheme during the last three years;

(d) whether the funds are inadequate for the purpose; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to provide adequate funds in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (DR. M. S. GILL)

(a) to (e):The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has recently introduced a Centrally Sponsored Scheme entitled `Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan` (PYKKA), which aims at providing basic sports infrastructure in all villages and block panchayats of the country in a phased manner over a period of 10 years and access to organized sports competitions at block, district, state and national levels. The scheme provides for financial assistance for playfield development,procurement of sports equipment and organizing rural sports competitions.

Government has accorded in principle approval for an amount of Rs.1420.11 lakh for covering 1369 village panchayats and 22 block panchayats in Gujarat under the scheme, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions.